

Montana Land Cover Atlas

3300 Mixed Xeric Shrubs

DOMINANT SPECIES

Bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata*)
Creeping Juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis*)
Greasewood (*Sarcobatus spp.*)
Mountain Mahogany (*Cercocarpus spp.*)
Rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus spp.*)
Shadscale (*Atriplex canescens*)

DESCRIPTION

Shrublands where mixed xeric shrubs are dominant, with shrub cover from 20-50%. Grass cover ranges from 5-40%. Associated with dry rocky sites. Associated grass and forb species: bluebunch wheatgrass (*Agropyron spicatum*), blue gamma (*Andropogon gracilis*), Idaho fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*), western wheatgrass (*Agropyron smithii*).



TOTAL AREA

1,227,852 hectares

184,013 patches

3.22 % of state

ELEVATION

573 - 3102 m range

984 m mean

STATE RANGE

Occurs across the state primarily in valleys and low elevation mountain slopes.

